

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2000

MORNING SESSION – Meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Dianne Jacob, Chairwoman; Ron Roberts, Vice-Chairman, Pam Slater, Greg Cox; and Bill Horn, also David Hall Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Statement/ Minute Order	
No.	Subject
1.	TACKLING SAN DIEGO COUNTY'S ENERGY CRISIS / PAYING OUR FAIR SHARE FOR ELECTRICITY
2.	CLOSED SESSION

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1. **SUBJECT: TACKLING SAN DIEGO COUNTY'S ENERGY CRISIS / PAYING OUR FAIR SHARE FOR ELECTRICITY**

**SUMMARY:**

Over the last three months, San Diego businesses and consumers have been confronted with rapidly and continuously increasing electric bills as a result of actions taken by the State Legislature to deregulate the electricity market in California. San Diego taxpayers are also being forced to shoulder the burden of higher electricity bills for the County and other government entities, taking a second hit to their wallets.

On August 4<sup>th</sup>, a bipartisan coalition of former and current local elected officials asked the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to impose an immediate rate rollback and freeze to the July 1, 1999 level.

The CPUC, however, voted not to implement the rollback and freeze. In response, some coalition members have urged citizens to pay only the same as they paid last year. The County of San Diego should join in this effort by paying only the same as it paid last year, sending a strong message that we are only going to pay what's fair and those who made the mistakes should pay - not San Diego consumers!

**RECOMMENDATIONS:****CHAIRWOMAN JACOB AND SUPERVISOR BILL HORN**

1. Receive testimony from the panel of electricity deregulation experts.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer and Auditor and Controller to determine the amount of the County's 1999 monthly electric bills and to pay only the same amount as we paid last year and return to the Board in November 2000 to report on the status of San Diego County's Energy Crisis so that the Board may determine whether to continue the above level of electric bill payment.
3. Direct the County's Sacramento Legislative Representative to push for legislation that would require the State legislature, SDG&E and others responsible for making San Diegans the "Guinea Pigs" of the failed deregulation experiment, to pay the accumulated debt - not San Diego consumers.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This action would prevent a potential \$9.3 million in cuts to County programs and services.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Jacob, seconded by Supervisor Horn, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended and directed the Chief Administrative Officer to investigate the feasibility of creating a public utility in San Diego County and investigate the possibility of using San Diego County reservoirs for hydro electric power. The Board further directed the Chief Administrative Officer to work to with the State legislature to amend the membership configuration of the Public Utilities Commission, providing Public Members voting powers and Industry members non-voting Commission seats.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Slater, Roberts, Horn

NO on Recommendation No. 2: Cox, Roberts

- 1A ON MOTION of Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Jacob, the Board of Supervisors indicated their support of Governor Davis' Wood Proposal and took the position that incremental costs of electricity, beginning in July, should not be borne by consumers in San Diego County, noting that the Board's position should be conveyed at the Public Utility Commission's August 23, 2000, meeting.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Slater, Roberts, Horn

2. **SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION**

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- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Anticipated litigation pursuant to section (c) of Government Code section 54956.9  
No. of Potential Cases: 1
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Designated Representative: Carlos Arauz, Madge Blakey and Mike Kolb  
Employee Organizations: Deputy Sheriffs Association and District Attorney  
Investigators Association

**ACTION:**

The Board did not meet in Closed Session.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

TOMAS J. PASTUSZKA  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of San Diego, State of California

Notes by: Tominia

This Statement of Proceedings sets forth all actions taken by the Board of Supervisors on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.